

Letters To The Editor

Student Faults Faculty

There have been numerous comments made throughout the Campus on the subject of school spirit, or rather the lack of school spirit at Behrend. What are the reasons for this deficiency?

To analyze this problem, we must determine where our school spirit should originate. It is fairly obvious that school spirit should be generated by the senior group in a school. This group at Behrend should naturally be the Sophomore class. However, the Sophomore class cannot instill spirit in people who are only one year their juniors. As a result this responsibility then falls upon our most senior group, our faculty.

At Behrend there is a hard core of senior faculty members who, with a few notable exceptions, frankly do not give a hoot about stimulating any student participation in any activity. There are many stories of how these faculty members have originated and coordinated events and activities which gave our Campus a true esprit de corps in the past. What has happened to these formerly inspired faculty members? Are they discouraged by a disinterested student body? Or have they merely lost interest in Behrend, other than as an 8 to 4 job?

An instructor can, by brief mention of a planned event in school activities to his class, stimulate more minds in five minutes than fifty posters tacked to every tree on the Behrend road. I offer this letter as a challenge to our faculty, in the hope that they may restore the often-talked-of grandeur of their former years.

Michael J. Mulligan
To the Nittany Cub:

I am writing to you because I do not know the particular names of the girl and group of boys who donated about \$62 to the Salvation Army before Christmas and I want to make sure that they are sincerely thanked for their thoughtful, unselfish and generous contribution. It is rare that college students anywhere, having so many expenses and so little spending money, would be able and willing to contribute to a collection for the needy and destitute receiving relief through us. Please extend my gratitude to these fine young adults.

Mr. Joseph DuGood
Director, Erie Chapter
The Salvation Army

Dear Editor:

I think it's terrible that I have to stand in line to take a shower in the dormitory. One shower for twenty girls is certainly not up to the standards set by the Pure Food

and Drug Act. If my daddy only knew how we lived up here—dirty, sheet-less, hungry, isolated. Sometimes I get so mad that I could walk to the settlement for release! Well, anyway, I think the showers should be put back in. I know they're hard to clean, but after all, a job's a job. Summer is coming, and this place is going to get pretty grubby. Please, Mr. Editor, how do other people feel about this dirty subject?

A Dorm Girl
Dear Editor of the Nittany Cub:

I do a good job at this school. I clean good. I don't think you should poke fun at honest working people. After all, you might be in the same position someday, Mr. High and Mighty! You have to start somewhere. After all, some of these students need a mother away from home and I just try to do my best. I may like some people more than others, but that's just natural, after all. I think that if your newspaper was on softer paper it might serve a more useful purpose.

An Employee
Dear Dorm Girls:

Boy, are you stupid! You all think that you're sophisticated-drinkers, lovers, and women. But you can't see past the ends of your collective noses. You're all of the same age. Granted, there are cliques in the dorm, but all in all you're a pretty close group. Now suppose someone tells you that Mary in the back of the dorm doesn't like you. Instantly you believe this merely because you've been befriended. You don't stop to think that you're being led into a cold, calculated plot to create dissension in the dorm, do you, you sillies!

Do you really believe that a fellow student of the same age and social class would be so selfish and narrow as to deny you a measly cookie? Shape up. Instead, ask yourselves, "Why don't we all get cookies at the same time?"

A Thoughtful Observer of the
Contemporary Scene

JOURNEYS —

His philosophy on people was similar to that of "Prometheus" for they both feel that people are "havers instead of doers." "Prometheus," who is a college graduate in chemistry, feels that "people skin you and hang the pelt on the wall and say 'Look what a lovely pelt but what an ugly, scaly tail.'" Their philosophy is, however, not as pessimistic as it sounds. In fact, they abhor fatalistic attitudes. As Moses says, "It's time for the good people to act. The evil factions are much too prevalent."

A-Cross Court

By M. SPONSLER and
P. NARDUCCI

Mr. Gallagher's equally attractive counterpart is Mrs. Irene Edwards, the girls' Physical Education and Health Instructor, who comes to Behrend to succeed Mrs. Goodwin.

Having obtained her Bachelor's Degree from Slippery Rock State Teachers College, Mrs. Edwards taught for the past ten years in the Harborcreek School system and, during that time, received her Master's Degree from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Edwards' education and experience has provided a good background for her present position and, also, has given her definite views and goals. As an instructor, she hopes to put to profitable use all of the resources at her disposal and "to keep her students physically fit and to instill in them a desire to participate in recreation and sports."



Mrs. Edwards

Mrs. Edwards is not a "middle of the roader." Her convictions have been well tempered by practical application. She vehemently opposes organized women's sports due to inevitable masculinity which results. From her students she expects punctuality and neatness. In return, she provides the influence, respect, and leadership necessary in the training of young women.

Campus Scenes Down South

By MARY LLOYD

The Hazleton Campus has organized an honor society called Parnassus. Eligibility for membership requires that the student be of good character, maintain a minimum cumulative average of 2.80, and participate in at least two organized activities. Other than the Student Council and newspaper, the campus offers clubs such as Biology, Math and Science, Psychology, Photography, Fencing, Chess, and Instrumental Music. If such an honor society were begun at Behrend, the requirement for participation in organized activities could not be included. Pinochle seems to be the trend here, so why not form a pinochle club? Or better yet, one to learn bridge!

Finding the campus studying facilities inadequate, McKeesport students conducted a panel discussion to analyze and possibly solve the problem. A "Room Availability Chart" was devised and recreational activities were confined to certain areas. How about Behrend conducting a panel discussion on the problem of Nittany Cub facilities.

Students at the Wilkes-Barre Campus are reminded to close the outside doors so that a draft will not reach the classrooms.

Current odds on the milk machine at the Hazleton Campus are set on three to one that the student using it will lose his dime. Rumors are that the machine will be replaced by a cow. Too bad the students are not as mechanically-

minded as we.

The Wyomissing Campus is organizing a glee club. University Park has made available the facilities of its Department of Music Education to help further the club's enthusiastic endeavors. Behrend hopes to have a choir by Easter.

Professor Gordon A. Wilcox of the Hazleton Campus English department, has recently acquired honor and acclaim through his musical composition "And Death Shall Have No Dominion." This composition, an a cappella work written expressly for a four-voice mixed chorus, was one of a select group chosen from an international entry field which was performed at the Composers' Conference in Dallas, Texas recently.

The Keestater, of the McKeesport Campus, is threatening the inadequate cafeteria vending machines with a visit from Elliot Ness if they do not begin to function properly.

A list of the top tunes in the country entitled "The Potent Fifteen" is made available to the New Kensington Campus students by the staff of the By-Line.

Students of the Ogontz Campus may form a bowling team to compete in the Intercollegiate Bowling Conference of Eastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey.

The student lounge of the Wilkes-Barre Campus has been remodeled. Ours could stand a few windows.